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FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

Night of Treasures

On Saturday April 8, 2006 the Freshmen Musical Theatre students under the direction of Dr. Dennis Davenport, will once again present an evening of entertainment. In addition, the Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a silent auction of many different types of treasures. Come at 7:00 PM to start your bidding on the donated silent auction items. Stay for the musical presentation beginning at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. A short business meeting to elect officers will be held at the conclusion of the event.



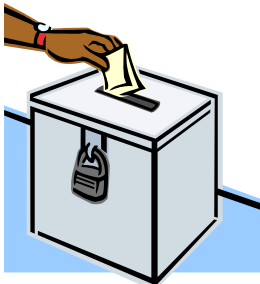
Bring your friends and family and come to the Night of Treasures — all are welcome! Pictures presented are of the Freshmen Theatre students from previous years.



**SAVE THE
DATE!**
Saturday
April 8, 2006 at
7:00 PM



We Need Your Help: Call For Nominations



Here is your chance to be involved with the Friends of the Library! Take this opportunity to nominate yourself or another person for President, Vice President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer. Officers are elected for a two year term and may be re-elected. Elections are held at the April business meeting. Please let Marge Trent know by January 2, 2006 if you are interested in running for an office or would like to become more involved with the Friends of the Library. You can email her at Margaret-Trent@Columbus.rr.com or call her at (614) 442-1782.

Chairs Reupholstered

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of the Friends of the Library, the wood chairs are no longer orange, green, bright blue or yellow. The old vinyl material (more than 30 years old) was worn, faded, and outdated. Reupholstering the chairs has made all the difference.



BEFORE



AFTER

Student Awards

The library staff annually hires approximately 40 student assistants during the academic year to assist us in operating an efficient and effective library — we couldn't do it without them! Each year we choose our best student employees to receive awards. Students are chosen through a competitive process. In the past the library budget has funded these awards. At the September 19, 2005 meeting, the Friends Executive Committee approved using Friends funds to provide the monetary awards to deserving library student employees. Awards are presented at the annual student assistant appreciation dinner traditionally done in May or June. The following awards are given:



John Becker Memorial Award – to the graduating senior who has worked no less than 3 years at the library, has a GPA of at least 3.2, and has the strongest record of service to the library. (Includes a \$100 cash prize)

Harold Hancock Memorial Award – to the student who has completed at least two years of employment and has built an outstanding record of service. (Includes a \$50 cash prize)

Tirza Barnes Memorial Award – to a graduating senior who intends to seek a Master's degree in Library or Information Science. (Includes a \$50 cash prize)

Alberta Messmer Award – to the first year student who has shown the best work ethic (punctuality, attendance, job performance) in their first year of employment. (Includes a \$50 cash prize)

Robert Price Award – to a student assistant who has a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.95 and who has performed in an excellent manner as a student assistant. (Includes a \$50 cash prize)

The Problem of Goodness

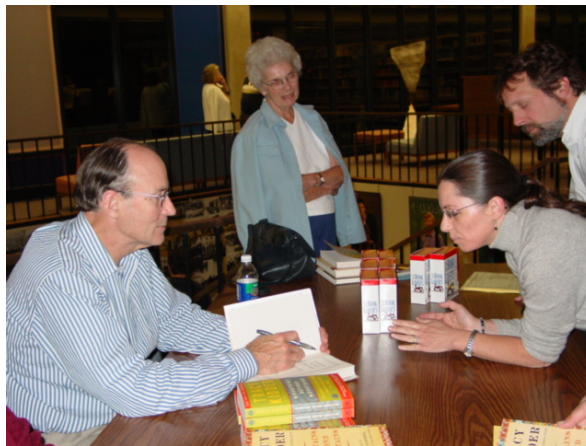
The "Common Book" program at Otterbein College began 11 years ago. Each year a different book is chosen and entering freshmen read the book prior to arriving on campus in the Fall Term. All faculty and many staff also read the book in order to participate in campus-wide discussions. Otterbein's Common Book for 2005-06 is *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, by Tracy Kidder.

On Monday October 17, 2005 Tracy Kidder came to the Otterbein campus to discuss "The Problem of Goodness", and his book *Mountains Beyond Mountains*.

Tracy Kidder was born on November 12, 1945 in New York City. He is the son of Reine Kidder, a high-school teacher, and Henry Maynard Kidder, a lawyer. Tracy Kidder has many fond memories of his childhood, including those of his mother reciting Charles Dickens and Herman Melville to him. This nurtured his early love of reading, which, he says, is "an experience that leaves you in some small way transformed." He began writing short stories at Harvard, where he majored in English. He graduated from Harvard in 1967.

Kidder served in the army from 1967 to 1969, becoming a first lieutenant in Vietnam, where he worked in intelligence. After returning from the war, Kidder married Frances Toland in 1971; they have two children.

Kidder enrolled in the University of Iowa Writers Workshop, and wrote his first book while still a student. He earned a master's degree in 1974, and gained a deep respect for the magic of language.



Tracy Kidder signing autographs

Partial List of Writings by Tracy Kidder

Among School Children (1989).

Home Town (1999).

House (1985).

Mountains Beyond Mountains (2003).

My Detachment: A Memoir (2005).

Old Friends (1993).

The Road to Yuba City: A Journey into the Juan Corona Murders (1974).

The Soul of a New Machine (1981)



Mary Pat Knight and Library Director,
Lois Szudy, pictured with Kidder

Sources: *Dictionary of Literary Biography, Volume 185: American Literary Journalists, 1945-1995, First Series*. A Brucoli Clark Layman Book. Edited by Arthur J. Kaul, University of Southern Mississippi. Gale Research, 1997. pp. 127-137.

Treasurer's Report



As of November 30, 2005 the Friends of the Library have a total of \$5,888.15 in our account. Since July 1, 2005, we have expended \$560.66 and received gifts in the amount of \$1,594. If you haven't donated this year, please consider doing so. The mailing label on the back cover of the newsletter indicates when your annual membership expires.

Our Donors

Every donation to the Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library is valuable. We extend our sincere gratitude to all donors. On the following page is a list of donors from July 1, 2004 through November 30, 2005. We apologize if we have inadvertently missed anyone. While care has been taken to ensure the accuracy, if there are any errors or omissions, please contact Lois Szudy, (614) 823-1414 or email, LSzudy@otterbein.edu.



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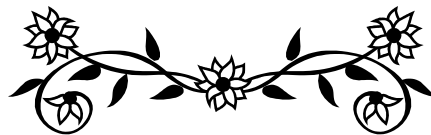
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A Farewell to Friends We Have Lost

Sarah Gorsuch, 70, passed away on November 24, 2005. Sarah was a graduate from Otterbein College and The Ohio State University. She taught at Blendon Middle School and she had a love for writing, stories, and young people. Sarah also served as the director of Christian Education at the Church of the Master United Methodist here in Westerville. Sarah will be missed by friends in many Westerville church, college, and community groups. In memory of Sarah donations may be given for the creation of the Sarah's Children's Corner here at Courtright Memorial Library.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch,
December 4, 2005



Jack Kessler, 67, passed away on December 2, 2005, after a heroic 4 year battle against colon cancer. Jack was a 1956 graduate of Western Hills High School in Cincinnati and also attended the University of Cincinnati. He served for 3 years in the U.S. army and loved to reminisce about his duty in Germany. Jack was a man of constant honor, integrity and duty, faithfulness to family, and he had a tremendous heart. His family and friends especially admired his satirical sense of humor and quick wit. He was full of jokes and wise perspectives, and his strength of character will forever be missed. Jack is survived by his wife Patricia Kessler. In memory of Jack, donations can be sent to the John Benjamin Kessler Memorial Fund at Otterbein College.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch,
December 4, 2005

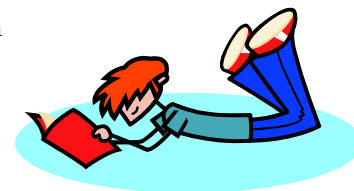


Edna Zech, 93, a retired missionary, teacher, and volunteer passed away July 10, 2005. She was a graduate of Otterbein College, the United Theological Seminary, and The Ohio State University. She was presented with the Otterbein Distinguished Service Award in 1983, and in 1984 received the Columbus Dispatch Community Services Award. In 1993 Edna received the 17th annual A. Monroe Courtright Community Service Award by the Rotary Club of Westerville. She was an active member of the New Century Club, Central Ohio Choristers Guild, The Master Quilters, and the Church of the Master. Edna gave more than 18,000 hours as a volunteer at Otterbein College, working a 40 hour work week for many years. She will be greatly missed.

Source: Westerville News, June 30, 1993 &
Westerville News & Public Opinion, July 20, 2005.

Sarah's Corner

The 1956 50th Reunion Committee at Otterbein College has established a fund in memory of Sarah Gorsuch. The plans are to create Sarah's Corner, the proposed new name for the Courtright Memorial Library's children's collection. Money raised will be used to improve the collection, including possibly purchasing:



- new books and materials for the collection,
- lower "children-sized" shelving units,
- comfortable furniture, and
- artwork and posters appealing to children.

Donations for Sarah's Corner can be mailed to Lois Szudy, Courtright Memorial Library, 1 Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081. Please make checks payable to Otterbein College and write Sarah's Corner in the memo section of your check.

Alumni Book Club

The Alumni Book Club recently completed its first year. The group meets monthly (usually the first Monday of each month) in The Otter Bean Café in the Courtright Memorial Library to get to know one another over a cup of coffee and to discuss the book that they have read for the month. The plan for the January meeting (Monday January 9, 2006) is for each participant to read one of the Harry Potter books. We will then each discuss the book we read and have an overall discussion regarding fantasy literature. Nancy Smith has volunteered to lead the discussion.



Will you join us? Our group is open to faculty, staff, students, and friends of Otterbein. You'll read a good book each month, but the real fun comes from sipping on a cup of coffee as you connect with the book theme and reflect on it with others in this casual, yet engaging atmosphere.

For more information, contact Melissa Lafayette Dardinger '95 at mdard@corp.oprs.org or 614-501-6608.

Sponsored by the Otterbein College Alumni Association, Friends of the Library and the Common Book Committee.

Source: http://www.otterbein.edu/alumni/book_club/

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